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PRESIDENT TRUMAN URGES ON WAR WORKERS

Laliberte Named Judge In Germany

Sprague Worker Awarded Bronze Star -- Wounded in May

Maj. Lawrence Laliberte has been appointed judge of a military court for trying civilians in Germany. This thirty year old young man was an excellent choice for such an appointment, say all his friends. He is a straight-shooter, and when he once made a friend—he was a loyal friend for life.

Major Laliberte could be chosen as the typical Sprague employee, entering into the spirit of any Sprague enterprise. He entered the Sprague Company in 1933 and worked in Paper Assembly until mustered into service with Company K in January 1941. He has risen in rank until he reached that of Major, has personally led his men in combat and received several citations.

Wounded

Six days before firing ceased in Germany, Laliberte was wounded slightly, in the right hand and neck by shrapnel. He wrote his wife, the former Edna Bunting, about the wounds on May 3rd, stating that they were not serious.

LIFE IN A GERMAN PRISON CAMP

As Told by Mrs. Catherine Timothy of Block Annex -- Mother of Pvt. William Timothy, Home After Being Liberated April 17th



"Young Bill entered service in December 1942, and was sent overseas in August 1944. He had been pretty lucky up to the time he was captured and has just a slight scar. This he got one day when he was riding along a road in Germany in a jeep, which was spotted and a shell tore off the front wheels. His companion was blown completely out of the jeep and a

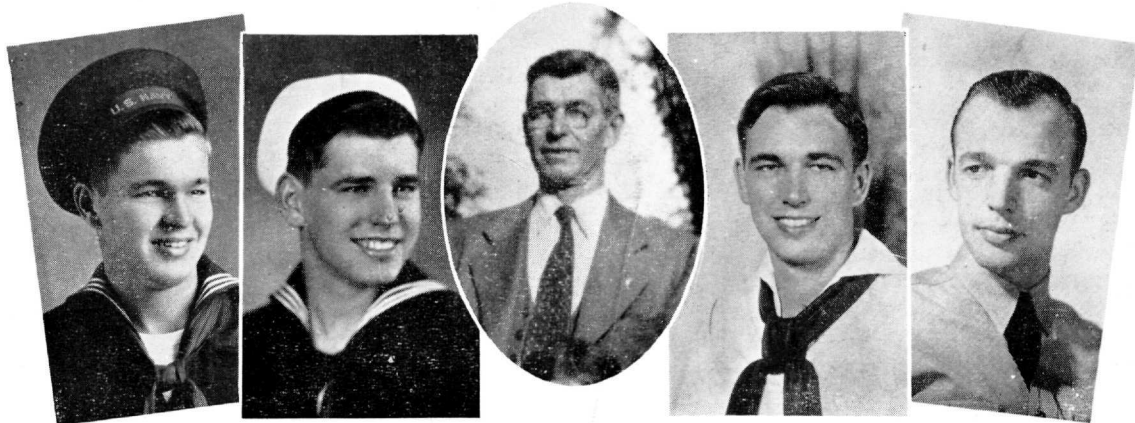
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Flag Day - - June 14, 1945



Our Marines celebrated Flag Day a little earlier this year -- they planted Old Glory atop Mt. Suribachi on Iwo Jima in one of the bloodiest battles of the Pacific war. Of the six men who planted the flag, three have since been killed :: Pfc. Franklin Sousley, from Kentucky; Sgt. Michael Strank of Pennsylvania; and Sgt. Henry Hansen of Somerville, Massachusetts.

CELEBRATES FATHER'S DAY WITH FOUR SONS IN SERVICE



A salute to Daniel Millis (center) of the Impregnating Department, and his four sons: James (left) is Seaman 1-c, now serving in the S. Pacific, and formerly of Block Test; John, formerly of Dry Test, is now somewhere in the Pacific; Robert, Petty Officer 1-c has served in the Atlantic and Pacific war areas for 4 years, and is now at a base at Staten Island; and S-Sgt. Francis, in the Army Air Corps, now serves in Burma.

One More Ridge . . . One More Town The Never-ending Orders Come

(Written for the Log by a Four-Year Veteran of Pacific Service.)

Storming heavily defended ridges can become monotonous when you have to do it over and over again. The soldier sees sweat, blood, mud and grime,—and becomes case-hardened,—fed up with the grim monotony of it all. His mind and emotion turn dull.

When GI Joe was ordered to take Shuri Ridge, it was just another of thousands of ridges starting at Pearl Harbor. What difference did its name or number make to him? What difference if he was tired and wanted to go home. His orders were to take the ridge...take the town. Nobody pleaded with him to fix his

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All Sprague Plants, Departments Cooperate In Safety Drive

GREAT CIRCLE MILEAGES FOR AIR TRANSPORTATION

New System Worked Out

A new system of figuring airline distances between cities based on Great Circle mileages rather than on route miles flown, has been recommended by the Air Transport Association to the domestic airlines. The new basis will be used in calculating air express rates and, possibly, passenger rates.

With the assistance of City Engineers in the more than 270 cities which have airports certificated by the Civil Aeronautics Authority, a central point has been chosen for each city. The engineers have supplied the exact longitude and latitude of these points, and the Great Circle mileages are to

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June -- Devoted to Good Housekeeping

June saw the start of a thorough-going safety campaign in all Sprague Plants. Supervisors and employees are putting forth a sincere effort to maintain, and to improve, their record of general and personal safety.

This month, emphasis is placed on "good housekeeping"—handling material in such a way that it does not obstruct aisles and working areas. Keeping aisles, benches and work areas free of such obstructions as trucks, boxes, cans, loose boards, pipes and odd tools, the accidents due to falls or collisions can almost be entirely eliminated.

One cause of poor safety records in many plants is the lack of "good housekeeping." But constant attention to good housekeeping is necessary to maintain and improve the already excellent record hung up by Sprague employees. Foremen and supervisors are asked to check on six safety

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"Of the Employees...by the Employees...for the Employees."

"WORKING TOGETHER FOR VICTORY"



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"Every Sprague Worker an Assistant Reporter."

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One More Ridge...One More Town The Never-ending Orders Come

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bayonet and to hurl his hand grenades. Nobody promised him 2.5% or 3% interest ten years from the date he took Shuri Ridge.

Well,—he took Shuri Ridge all right. He took it and then lay quietly, face down with his blood becoming part of that alien ridge. In Okinawa his requiem was the roar of gunfire. The battle went on for Shuri town.

Civilians who read of all these battles of the beaches and ridges become case-hardened too. Yet nobody ever became a casualty buying War Bonds. Monotonous? Yes. But, like the soldier, you have your orders too! Orders to fulfill a moral obligation...to help that soldier over another ridge,—to help him end this monotone of death...orders to buy War Bonds which pay dividends in lives saved and peace regained.

AMERICA NOW FACES CRUCIAL TEST

President Truman has described what it will take to beat Japan. He makes it clear that we face the most crucial test since the founding of our nation. More men, munitions and war material must be supplied and maintained than in Europe. More stubborn, fanatical resistance must be overcome. More difficult terrain,—more terrific transportation and supply problems must be met. And all this after four long years of pressure, strain and tragedy unparalleled in our history...Can we measure up? We must, we can and we will! It is our way,—the American Way!

FATHER'S DAY

This year Father's Day falls on June 17. In Massachusetts this is also Bunker Hill Day. At the laying of the cornerstone of Bunker Hill monument on June 17, 1825 Daniel Webster said: "Our Proper Business is Improvement." He was speaking to the nation. On June 17, 1945 all true American fathers pay honor to their sons and pledge themselves to improvement...to become worthier fathers of the heroic sons of their country...and better citizens of the greatest nation yet brought forth on this earth.

SPRAGUE WAR PRODUCTION DEDICATED TO GOLD STAR HEROES

WEEK OF JUNE 4TH

Pvt. Robert D. Dame—Died August 15, '44

WEEK OF JUNE 11TH

Pvt. Norbert Miller—Died September 11, '44

WEEK OF JUNE 18TH

Pfc. Wm. K. Dempsey—Died September 19, '44

From Tubular Assem.

From Block Test

Guard

WHAT IS A FLAG?

What is a Flag? What is the love of country for which it stands? Maybe it begins with love of the land itself — a fog rolling in with the tide of Eastport, or through the Golden Gate at San Francisco. Or the sun throwing a shining glory on Lake Champlain.

It is the storied Mississippi rolling swift and muddy past St. Louis, down to the levees of New Orleans. It is lazy noontide in the pines of Carolina, a sea of wheat rippling in Kansas, it is the Grand Canyon, or a little stream coming down from a New England ridge, in which trout play.

It is men at work — the fisherman coming into Gloucester and Provincetown. It is the farmer riding a reaper in harvest time, the dairyman going to the barn before sunrise, the lineman mending the broken wire, the miner drilling for the blast. It is the engineer bringing the train in on time, the pilot in the clouds, the riverer running along the beam a hundred feet in the air. It is the clerk in the office, the housewife doing the dishes and sending the children off to school. It is the teacher, the doctor and parson tending and helping body and soul for small reward.

It is small things remembered...We love our country because there was a little tree on a hill, and grass, and a sweet valley below. It is the ease of mind that makes life tranquil. These are flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone, blood of our blood—a lasting part of each of us and all of us together.

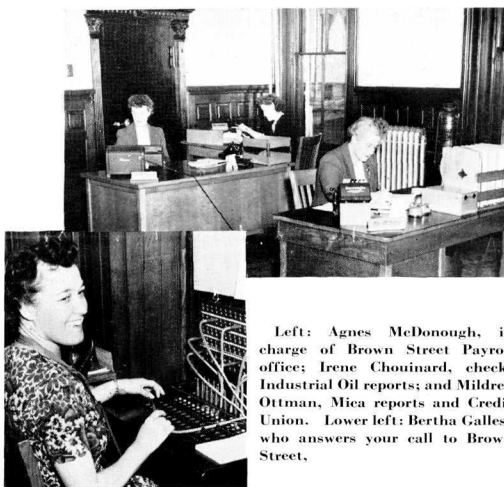
It is stories told—the Pilgrims dying that first dreadful winter. The army in rags, sick, freezing and starving at Valley Forge. It is the wagons and men on foot going westward over the Cumberland to the great plains. Lincoln at Cooper Union and Lee riding home from Appomattox.

It is the great multitude of common people, charged with the usual human failings, yet filled with such a hope as never caught the imaginations and the hearts of any nation on earth before. The hope of liberty. The hope of justice, the hope of a land in which a man can stand straight, without fear, without rancor.

The land, the people and the flag — the land a continent, the people of every race — the flag a symbol of what humanity can aspire to when wars are over...to these each generation must be dedicated and consecrated anew, to defend with life itself, if need be, but above all, in friendliness, in hope, in courage, to live for.

—An Editorial from The New York Times.

EDITOR VISITS NEW QUARTERS -- BROWN STREET PAYROLL



Left: Agnes McDonough, in charge of Brown Street Payroll office; Irene Chouinard, checks Industrial Oil reports; and Mildred Ottman, Mica reports and Credit Union. Lower left: Bertha Gallese who answers your call to Brown Street.

I gave an exclamation of wonder and admiration when I visited the new office of the Pay Roll Girls at the Brown Street Plant.

The office is now located in the former gate house and extensive alterations have been made. Partitions have been knocked out making one large room. The stairway has been relocated and leads directly to the upstairs offices from the entry hall. Stock cupboards have been installed, the floor covered with red tile effect linoleum. That paint and varnish have held sway is evident everywhere.

In the front of the office are the desks of Agnes McDonough, (the little woman in charge) and Mildred Ottman. On the left are the desks of "Kay" Heath, "Peg" Mancuso, Helen Attala and Irene Chouinard. Upon each desk, is an attractive bakelite name plate and standard. This not only adds to the appearance of the office, but is an aid to anyone not acquainted with the girls.

Bertha Gallese, the Switchboard Operator, holds forth in her own private quarters. The section of the room which used to be directly under the old stairway has been made into a room for the switchboard. Though this room is really a part of the Pay Roll office the door with the sign over head,

"No Admittance", puts it in sort of a class by itself.

The girls are all very proud of their new quarters and are always glad to have visitors. As for my visit I can only say they have always been a cordial group and to visit them is a pleasure. This new office is a perfect setting for them and they are the finishing touch to right smart planning.

Associate Editor

LIFE IN A PRISON CAMP

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bullet grazed Bill's arm. This sure was a close call for him.

"It was in the battle at Luxemburg that he was taken prisoner, December 18, 1944. The prisoners were loaded into a box car along with two horses to be transported to the prison camp. The time of travel was five days during which the doors were not opened once. The only means of ventilation was through the cracks, and the only food was what they had with them when captured. The conditions of sanitation were beyond description.

"At the prison camp, the men had to work twelve hours a day, and their meals were chiefly grass, or potato soup, with an occasional slice of bread, of course, stale. Oft times on the line of march, a man would find a decayed apple which he would pick up and eat with zest.

"After the bombing of a hospital, the prisoners were forced to dig among the ruins and remove the bodies. Daily they made graves and buried the dead, or dug ditches.

"Many of the men had their feet frozen—it was a common occurrence to have their overshoes or boots taken away from them. No consideration was given any prisoner—even the sick. Often, as the men lined up to start the day's work, a prisoner would collapse. The guards showed no pity—though the men begged for pity. A kick, or a blow on the back of the fallen prisoner was the only answer. The others were told they would receive the same if they did not stand upon their feet. It required great stamina to bear up under such treatment.

"April 17, 1945, the 89th Infantry took the town of Friednighagen, Germany and the prisoners were liberated. For Bill, this was the grandest birthday present he ever received. You see, the 17th was his 21st birthday.

"Bill arrived at Pittsfield, Mass., May 22nd and his dad and I of course were there to meet him. With our hearts filled with joy we watched for our boy to alight from the train. We saw this soldier coming toward us, he was not our Billy, and we were going to pass him by but he greeted us and we stopped and looked. No wonder we didn't recognize him. He was down to 122 pounds and we never saw such a mop of hair on any one's head before. Young Bill explained he had vowed not to have his hair cut from the time he was taken prisoner until he was liberated and home again.

"The barber spent an hour and half cutting Bill's hair and is still talking about it! As for his weight he is gaining right along and we hope it isn't long before he is back to his old weight of 185 pounds.

"Of course, he brought souvenirs to all of us. Our Bill was a lucky boy and we thank God for bringing him safely back to us. He is to be home for sixty days and then is to report to Lake Placid, New York to a rest camp."



Left: Kay Heath, takes care of Miscellaneous Time reports and is relief operator; Helen Attala, takes care of Resistor reports; and Margaret Mancuso, the P.A.A. reports and Insurance.

"We Need the Help of Industry" to Insure Victory

Army Service Forces, Washington, D. C.

May 24, 1954

Mr. R. C. Sprague, President
Sprague Electric Company
North Adams, Mass.
Dear Mr. Sprague:

I want personally to express to you the appreciation and admiration all of us here feel for the part your Company has played in the victory over Germany.

What you and others in the great American production team have accomplished is already having its effect on Japan. Yet in some ways the job ahead of us will be the most difficult of the war. While our production requirements are less than for a two-front war, they are still heavy. I know you share our determination to meet them in full so that our troops may finish their job as quickly as brave men can.

What especially concerns me is that our new programs contain increases as well as reductions. While some plants will be released for return to peacetime work, we will be placing even heavier loads on some others. We need the help of industry to insure that, as reconversion takes place, we do not fail to get the war materiel we still urgently need.

Industry has done a great job. Half the war is over. Like the men in the Pacific, it's up to us to finish it!

Cordially yours,
BREHON SOMERVELL
General Commanding

SAFETY DON'TS

Don't tangle with wires, fixtures or appliances until you've made sure the electricity is shut off — either by pulling the main house switch, removing a fuse or unplugging the appliance.

Don't handle any electrical appliance, pull a switch cord, touch a switch or plug in an outlet with wet hands. Wet flesh is a better conductor of electricity than copper wire.

Don't lay a hand — even a finger tip — on any electrical appliance while you're having a soak in the tub, while you're touching any pipe or faucet, or while you're in contact with the water in the washbasin.

"WE TOOK IT ON THE CHIN!"

(An interview with William Barry, who is continuing the war effort at Sprague's, after his medical discharge from the Army. Barry is one of many, who are back in industry after service overseas.)

"It was tough and we took it on the chin!" said William Barry who entered the Armed Forces on October 4, 1940.

He enlisted with the Regular Army when he was 19 years old, and after a short 23 days in the States, was sent to Pearl Harbor for training. He didn't get much though, before the Japs struck. The work-out that Pearl Harbor got from the Japs, occasioned him to make the remark about that wicked hook to the jaw. At that time, he was serving with the 531st Field Artillery.

Later, came the battle for Saipan where the temperature for 47 days hovered about the 110° mark. In this period Bill dropped from 180 to 139 pounds. The fighting really caught up with him when he got mixed up in an artillery barrage that shook him up badly inside. Bill went on to Tinian Island for a checkup when it was ascertained that concussion had brought on a serious internal condition. As a result, he was removed to the States, arriving home December 16, 1944, and then sent to a hospital at Orlando, Florida, on New Year's Day. Honorably discharged on April 20, 1945, Bill left the Army with regrets. He left behind him "the best bunch of fellows I ever met in my life. We had our tough times, but we had our good ones, too. Anyhow, it's heaven to be back home."

Bill said his medical care was swell and that he was treated very well. He has now found real happiness in his work operating the generators and the switch board at Maintenance, Beaver Street plant, and he finds that the fellows at Sprague's are a swell gang to work with. Needless to say, the "gang" in Maintenance are proud to have this young War Veteran working with them!

L. Madison

SPORTS COLUMN . . .

by Bullett, Carpenter and Russell

On Sunday, June 3rd, under adverse weather conditions the North Adams Baseball club officially opened the season even though it had played three previous contests. The local nine appeared on the field in new uniforms donated to them by the generosity of the local manufacturing concerns. The opposition was furnished by the White Eagles of Greenfield who also appeared in new uniforms. As an added feature a microphone was set up and our own "Bucky" Bullett gave a colorful play by play account of the game. To cap the entire affair the North Adams outfit copped the ball game 5-4.

The Northern Soft-ball league is now underway. At this writing the Corner Cafe has won 2 without a loss while the Sprague Products has won its only game played. The Adams Laundry

last year champs have split in their first two games. More on the soft-ball league in the next issue.

As a parting shot at the past bowling season I would like to mention the fact that at the recent Springfield bowling congress "Angie" Baker, former local and star girl bowler, won the Class A individual title for women and also came in second in the mixed doubles.

Sports Quiz Questions

1.—Q. What batting average did Ty Cobb have for his major league career?

2.—Q. How many home runs did Babe Ruth hit in his career?

3.—Q. How many consecutive games did Lou Gehrig play for the New York Yankees?

(Answers on another page)

Ken Russell

DANCE! S.E.A.A. DANCE!

The newly-formed - - -

SPRAGUE ELECTRIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Sponsors a Dance

June 22, 1945

State Armory

Music by Sammy Vincent and his Orchestra

Tickets may be obtained from the committee: Walter Carpenter, Esther Driscoll, Emma Alongi, Harry Carpenter, "Dot" Gageant, Barbara King, Margaret Lamberti, George Scarbo and "Danny" Collins.

Let's Go! Get Hep! Some Fun!

APPOINTED PRESIDENT



Wilmer Trinkle, sales representative for Sprague Electric Company has been appointed President of the Mid-Lantic Chapter of "The Representatives," a Radio Parts Manufacturers' Organization.

The newly-elected president of the Mid-Lantic Chapter of "The Representatives", is Mr. Wilmer S. Trinkle who represents the Sprague Electric Company in the Philadelphia-Baltimore sales territory. "Trink", as he is better known in his territory, championed radio in its infancy days, when earphones and many knobs and buttons were part of every set. Radio was old stuff to him as early as 1910, and he has been with it in one way or another ever since.

When the Pennsylvania National Guard was being re-organized in 1922, and Col. Robert Brookfield wanted a man to stimulate recruiting by forming a radio unit, Mr. Tinkle was put in charge. Later, he was employed by the Philadelphia Public Ledger to write technical radio articles for their weekly feature magazine. In 1926, Trinkle became a manufacturers' representative, and has followed this general type of work ever since.

In Westinghouse Post

The many friends of Frank W. Godsey, Jr., former employee of the Sprague Electric Company as electrical engineer, will be glad to learn of his recent appointment as manager of the New Products Division of Westinghouse Electric Corp. Mr. Godsey left the Sprague Company in 1940 to accept a position with the Westinghouse Corporation and has been with that company ever since.

ART MATHEWS APPOINTED SECRETARY

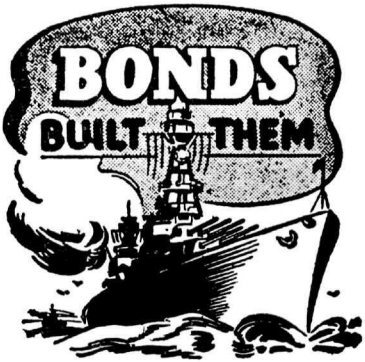
In recognition of his long continued service in safety work, Mr. Arthur Mathews has been elected Secretary of the re-organized Pittsfield Safety Council, now known as the Berkshire Safety Council.

The Berkshire Safety Council is a member of the National Safety Council, an organization devoted to the reduction of accidents in industry, in the community and in the home.

SPRAGUE PLANTS IN SAFETY DRIVE

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measures in the next six months. In July, emphasis will be placed on Maintenance; August—Physical Safeguards; September—Supervision; October—Labor Conditions; and November will stress Manufacturing Methods.



GREAT CIRCLE MILEAGES

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be figured from the center point to center point in each city.

To assure the mileages being authoritative, the ATA has arranged with the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey to compute them. The work, which involves detailed mathematical formulae, is now being done on computing machines. It will require more than 72,900 computations as the mileages are being figured in pairs.

The Great Circle mileages will replace the present system of distances which has no uniform basis, as some of them are based on miles actually flown between points and others are based on certificated point-to-point mileages.

The CAA has reported that four members of its termination Board have used a government-owned plane to make 63 stops in 108 days, whereas the same trips by train would have required 146 days. The travel hours by air amounted to 103, while 609 would have been necessary by train, representing 83% in hours saved.

NORTHERN BERKSHIRE SOFTBALL STANDINGS UP TO MAY 31, 1945

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Corner Cafe	4	0	1000
Sprague Products	2	1	.667
Less Market	2	2	.500
Adams Laundry	1	2	.333
Cornish Wire	1	3	.250
Y.M.C.A.	0	2	.000

FIVE LEADING HITTERS

Name	Team	Games	AB	H	BA
Barcomb	Corner	3	7	5	.715
Vincelette	Corner	3	10	6	.600
Bulletti	Corner	3	11	6	.595
Pallone	Corner	3	9	5	.555
Unis	Less'	3	9	5	.555

LEADING PITCHER

Name	Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Roy	Corner	2	0	1000

GEORGE SCARBO RECEIVES GRADUATION CERTIFICATE



About thirty-five co-workers honored George Scarbo when he graduated from the apprenticeship course in the Machine Shop, May 19th. Scarbo (arrow) receives the graduation Certificate and congratulations of Superintendent T. J. Rondeau (right), also gifts from his Department and co-workers were presented by Foreman A. B. Lindquist (left), and James Cooper (right).



Jeannette Brooks, formerly employed in Section Test, is now in training at St. Luke's Hospital, Pittsfield as a Cadet Nurse. She entered training January of this year.

V-E Day Nothing to Eskimos

May 20, 1945

Hello Miss Owen:

Up here we received the news of V-E Day very casual, out side of a few toasts, a long one for Generals (Ike) and Patton, not to mention a few more and a longer one to G.I. Joe. No doubt the news caused some excitement at the plant. From one who really appreciates a very good condenser (I am associated with radio) you can tell the boys and girls for me that they have done a magnificent job.

What amazed me the most on V-E Day were the natives here, I believe they are the only race who were not affected one way or the other by the war, to them it meant just another day, more trapping, fishing and hunting, the friendliest people I have ever met, that's these Eskimo's, and how they love their cigarettes, it wouldn't surprise me a bit if the Eskimo's name a goddess of cigarettes before long, and what they wouldn't do for a cigarette, about the only thing we haven't asked them to do is G.I. our floors for us, not that they wouldn't.

I wonder if it's possible to put in the Log and say hello to Bill Foote for me, the last I knew of his whereabouts he was in the Pacific, but somehow or other we have never been able to make contact with one another, I appreciate this very much and thanking you for your troubles.

Well Miss Owen I must get along now, I have ten minutes to get ready for duty, so I'm closing with my best wishes to you and again another thanks for the package. Best of luck and good health.

As ever,

Corp. Dominic A. Esposito

IN FIVE MAJOR BATTLES



Elmer F. Maynard S1-c, son of Bessie Nutting of Selkar. Elmer has been in the Pacific area for four years, and has participated in five major battles.

May 12, 1945

Employees of Sprague Electric:

Thank you for the Prince Albert, it was greatly appreciated by the crew of the Pendleton.

MacLaren R. G., BM2-c
U. S. Navy Armed Guard

Perras Re-enlists

May 18, 1945

Sprague Employees,

Just a few lines to say I received the package from the Sprague Employees. I appreciate it very much and want to thank you for it.

I got back to the States Sunday, May 13th, but didn't have a chance to get in touch with anyone. I'm kept quite busy.

We were on our way home when V-E Day was officially confirmed. We heard the news over the air. All were very happy about it.

I get my Log every month and it keeps me up on the news.

My next trip will be my twenty-fourth over and I've enlisted for another four years. I'll be glad to get back to see the old gang and my next leave will be a longer one, until then I remain

Your ex-co-worker,

Bernard A. Perras

FIGHTING THROUGH JUNGLE GROWTH



Pushing inch by inch through heavy jungle growth, the Yanks find the going pretty tough, while searching for the hidden enemy.



Receives Good Conduct Medal

Pfc. John Rosse, formerly of the Maintenance Department at Brown Street, was recently awarded the Good Conduct Medal. He received training at Camp Haan, Calif., as a member of an Anti-aircraft Unit, and is now somewhere in the Pacific. He is the brother of Mary, of Wire Coating and Dorothy of Main Office, Beaver Street.



Earl Russell, Petty Officer 1-c, participated in the invasion of N. Africa, Sicily and Italy, and in 1944 was transferred to the Pacific area, and has helped in the invasion of the Philippines, Iwo Jima and Okinawa. He is on an L.S.M. Earl worked in the Gas Mask Department when it was stationed at Brown Street. His sister, Marion, is clerk in Brown St. Maintenance and his grandmother Alice is in the Resistor Dept.

Sprague's Well Represented

Luzon, May 6, 1945

The old department can feel pretty good about doing its bit because Sprague's is well represented out here. We lack very little in the way of equipment. Communications aboard ship and on shore are in 4.0 (perfect) shape. Our Radio Tech's and Material men have told me, when I asked, that Sprague's is turning out the best. That is not a commercial either, Bill. It's straight dope as given to me from the best sources. Even our gear is trademarked with their product.

Say "Hello" to Earle Burke for me and the same to the rest of the gang. One other thing, I haven't gotten around to it yet, but I'd like to thank whoever is responsible for sending along the Sprague Log. To be kept posted on the various goings on about the plant gives me plenty of kick as well as a feeling of active connection.

"Bob" Begiebing, S-M3-c
Excerpts from a letter received by Bill Jette of Factory Engineering.

★ ★ Letters and News from

Among the Liberated

Sprague workers are impatiently awaiting the return of their fellow servicemen, who have been liberated from prison camps abroad. Pfc. John Saulnier, a German prisoner since December 1944 was liberated by the Russians on May 1st. Saulnier was formerly employed in the Impregnating Department; Robert Crowe, reported missing in Germany since last December, has been returned to military control, according to a telegram received by his wife. He formerly worked in Check Inspection.

Tech. Sgt. Edward P. Patenaude was liberated from the German prison camp Stammlager IV-B by the Russians April 23rd according to word received by his parents. He was captured in December 1944. Sgt. Patenaude formerly worked in the Dry Rolling Department.



Lt. Aloysius

Corsair Fighter Pilot Died At Marshall Island Atoll

Twenty-two year old, First Lieutenant Aloysius G. Urbanek, of the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve, died in an airplane accident at Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands on May 25, 1945, according to a telegram received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Urbanek of 15 North Summer Street, Adams, Gen. Vandegrift, in sending the message stated: "When information is received regarding burial, you will be informed. Please accept my heartfelt sympathy." All Sprague employees and management extend their sympathy, likewise, to the family of this courageous youth—who is the 16th employee of the Sprague Company to make the ultimate sacrifice for his country.

Lt. Urbanek has been a Corsair fighter pilot, stationed in the Marianas since last November. He was transferred to the Marshall Islands only a

Regards to Maintenance

May 14, 1945

Dear Miss Owen:

Just a few lines to let you know I received the package and was very glad to know that the employees did not forget me. Will you please thank them all.

I am fine and just hoping to be back with you all soon. There is nothing much to write, doing the same thing every day and still bringing supplies to France.

Thanking you all again and hope to see you soon,

Frank Krol, EM3-c
P.S. Give my regards to Mr. Pratt and the gang.



Pfc. Lyle Maynard, served in the German campaign. He is the son of Bessie Nutting of Selkar Department.

Commissioned

The many friends of Peter N. Tietgens, formerly of the Tubular Assembly Department, extend congratulations to him on his recent commission as Ensign. Ensign Tietgens is in the air corps of the U. S. Naval Reserves, and is the nephew of John Walsh, of Machine Shop.

★ ★ Father The Old Man's N

Maybe Your Dad Can't Shoulder A Gun
But He's Certainly Backing You Up.

Back in 1918 Pop put the old Sprague some history. He did, all right. He was Aix-La-Chapelle and all over France. Y enough. Of course, he told you these stories live through them, let alone under conditions. But somehow things don't all there you are, having fought for the same places even more distant and terrible.

But your Dad's not letting you fight on your own. The Army says he's too old for such. Lad, your Pop doesn't want to march by could only take your place. But they w

Well, there are other ways to get in mighty important part of the fight. If you his fears for your safety by plunging into has worked a day or a week or a year, just ment,—you'd be as proud of him, son, as not so old.

What does he want for Father's Day home!

From the Armed Forces ★ ★



s G. Urbanek

Victim of Plane Crash

week, prior to the accident. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in June, 1941, transferred to the Naval Aviation Corps and received his pre-flight training at Chapel Hill, N. C. He was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant April 1, 1945.

He received his education in the Adams schools, and was a member of the St. Stanislaus Kostka Society, and of the Polish Roman Catholic Union. In a recent letter to his fiancée, Miss Lottie Wysocki of the W. E. Department, Lt. Urbanek spoke of receiving the gift package of the Sprague Electric Company's employees, and asked her to convey his thanks to all the employees. He stated that he had not had an opportunity to write, but would do so shortly. This letter, dated May 21st—four days before the fateful accident—was received here May 29th.

It's Day ★ ★

Not So Old, Son!

n As He Once Did.

field to his shoulder and decided to write to him at Chateau Thierry, Belleau Wood. You've heard him tell you about it often stories because he never expected you to be so young, forgetting how many hours he always turn out as you want them to. So he ground he did and now on your way to

alone. Maybe he can't march along side such rugged warfare. As a matter of fact, your side,—he'd give his own life, if he won't let him.

on this battle. The production line is a you could see your Old Man now, hiding his work, forgetting how many hours he just to make sure you get plenty of equipment as he is of you. The Old Man's really

Day? Just come home, son...just come

From Burma to China

May 9, 1945
"China"

Dear Gang:

Just dropping you a few lines to let you know that I have not forgotten you folks at Sprague's. I have not written for quite some time because as you will notice by the heading of this letter that I have changed my location from in "Burma" to here in "China".

The country and people are altogether different from what I was used to in Burma or even the United States. The people here are a very ambitious type of people who like to do all sorts of hard labor.

I sure enjoy reading the news of what goes on at home and at Sprague's. The best of it all is the two pages under the heading "Letters and News from the Armed Forces." I am glad to be able to know where some of my buddies are and what they are doing.

When I am able to get some 120 films I will take some pictures and send them on to you for your enjoyment (not of me, but of China and etc.)

I remain a friend,

Reggie Rowett

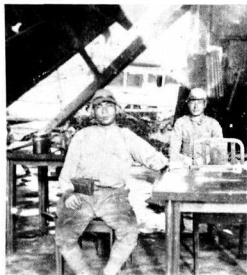
Thanks and Gratitude

April 29, 1945

Dear Miss Owen,

We of the Gun Crew, S. S. Louis Kasuth want to express our thanks and gratitude to all for the donation of smoking tobacco. We appreciate the loyalty to us boys in the service. God Bless You All, and the very best of luck. The boys said that was the best tobacco they ever had.

W. J. Bedell GM1-c



Japs' quarters in a hut which has been bombed by the Yanks.

Dear Miss Owen:

This letter is to notify you of change in my APO number, otherwise, my address is unchanged.

I try to do this whenever possible, to help you keep your address file straight, and also to speed up receiving my favorite magazine: the Log. As far as the mail situation goes over here, I have been getting it pretty regularly.

As ever,

Johnny Januska



DISCHARGED

Pfc. Charles Bourdon a veteran of campaigns in India and Burma has been given a medical discharge from the army. He enlisted in August 1942, and overseas, was attached to the airborne engineers. He holds the North African campaign ribbon, the Asiatic ribbon with one battle star and the Good Conduct medal. He was formerly employed in the Owens Department.

Awarded Citation



Corp. William Robare has been awarded a Presidential Citation for Meritorious achievement in action in Hollandia Dutch New Guinea with the Second Engineer and Special Brigade. Son of Madeline, of Selkar.

Awarded Citation

Cpl. William Robare has been awarded the Presidential Citation for Meritorious achievement in action at Hollandia Dutch New Guinea, while with the Second Engineers. The citation tells that in a Japanese night bombing, a large ammunition dump near Robare's Medical Platoon was hit and blew up. In spite of fire and continual explosions, his unit worked all night rescuing casualties and giving emergency treatment. This unit is part of the Second Engineers special brigade, an amphibious force specializing in landing troops on hostile shores, and evacuating the wounded. Later, it gives engineer and port service. Robare, overseas for 25 months is entitled to four overseas bars and has also received the Asiatic Pacific and Philippine Liberation medals, each with one Bronze Star. He is the son of Madeline Robare of Selkar.

HOSPITALIZED

Word has been received that Corp. Leslie Dustin is still undergoing treatment in a hospital in the European theatre of operations. He entered hospital in March. He was formerly employed in the Filter Dept.

IN PACIFIC AREA



Homer Boucher, Petty Officer 1-c, has been in the Pacific for the past two years. He is the son of Rose, and brother of Jeannette, of Selkar Dept.

Five Brothers in Service

The five brothers of Margaret Sacco of Selkar Department, and of Theresa Thomas, formerly of the Gas Mask Department, are army men—a sixth brother, Pfc. Samuel Sacco was killed March, 1945 in Germany, after having participated in the African, Italian, French, Belgian and German campaigns.

Of the five Sacco boys, Cpl. Anthony, stationed in England, has been overseas 2½ years; Pfc. Peter, now in the Philippines has been overseas 17 months; Pfc. Ralph enlisted in November 1943, is an engineer stationed in Germany. He is the husband of Roma Sacco of Dry Rolling Department; Sgt. "Patsy" has been a prisoner of Germany for 11 months, and his family is anxiously awaiting his arrival in the States. He was a gunner on a B-24, and his missions were over Germany. S-Sgt. Joseph, who was a former Sprague employee in the Maintenance Department, is a Tail Gunner on a B-17 and has completed 39 missions over German territory. He is now in the States at a rest camp in Plat sburg, N. Y.



Cadet Nurse, Jean Pelkey, stationed at Middlesex Hospital, Middletown, Conn. She is the niece of Violet Smith of P.A.A. Dept.

Thank You Notes

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, the Sprague Electric Company and all of my former co-workers who have so generously contributed to the nice gift package I received from them—and last, but not least, the Sprague Log which has kept me well posted on the activities of the boys in Service as well as the happenings at Sprague's.

We have finally received those long-awaited orders to sail for the States, so I am hoping to see you all in the near future.

Dalmon Chilson

"Every Last Thing is Useful"

I wish to thank the Sprague employees through you for the nice package I received. I have read of other boys from home receiving them but didn't realize what an uplift in spirits it actually gave one to be remembered from home. The candy I managed to salvage and lock in my locker. The crew gave me too stiff a competition on the other edibles. Your choice of things to send is excellent and every last thing will be used and nothing was damaged or spoiled.

I suppose they had a celebration back home when Germany collapsed. You'd be surprised how little we were affected (outwardly I mean). It was discussed very little. Too much like the Yankees winning the pennant. The Yanks did it again!!!

Please excuse writing as we are rolling plenty right now. She rolls wicked and is hard to ride, but is still the best ship in the Pacific fleet.

Best of luck to all of you at home and I'm proud of Sprague's good work. I spied a P8744 the other day! I Thanks again.

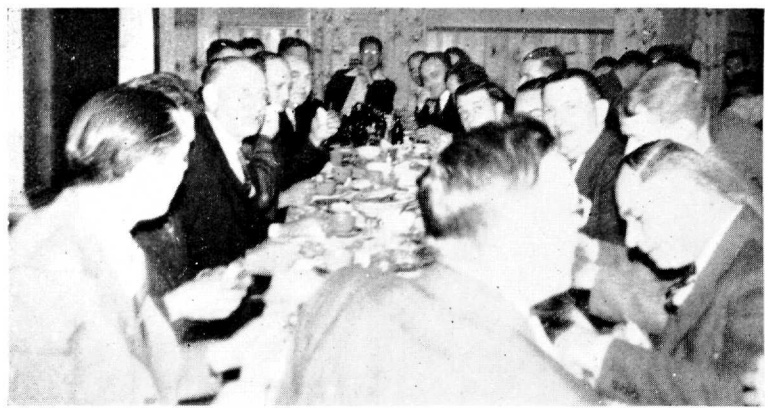
Jim A. Copeland, FI-c

READS HIS LOG IN ENGLAND



Roger Garner, T-5, stationed in England, reads his LOG. Formerly in Dry Test, he is the son of Marie, of Industrial Oils; and brother of Bob of Production Engineering.

PARTY FOR LARRY BURT



The Maintenance Gang pay tribute to co-worker Larry Burt at a bang-up good party at the Sportsmen's Club.



Congratulations Isabelle Mulvaney on your recent Good Luck. Eyes of envy were cast your way as you paraded home with your nice shiny Electric Iron.

Garner-Teeple Stag Party

Approximately 115 persons attended the party given in honor of Robert Garner and Paul Teeple who are to be married this month. The party was held at the Clarksburg Sportman's Club and was kept moving at a fast pace by Master of Ceremonies, Walter Carpenter. Among those called upon for remarks were John and George Garner, uncles of Bob, recently discharged from the Navy after serving with distinguished honor for four years. John Bulletti, on behalf of the athletic group of which Garner is a member, also spoke in his behalf.

Mr. Robert Teeple, father of Paul, wished the boys the best of luck, and thanked those attending for the party honoring his son and Bob. Ray Fawcett, next on the speaker's list, told one of his fine stories in dialect, which kept the listeners at high pitch until the climax was reached.

Joe O'Brien was then called upon to give some advice to the boys, and brought the house down with his remarks. Bob Garner, in accepting a gift from Mr. Carpenter, thanked all of Paul's relatives and friends—and his own, for the fine turnout and said he was deeply grateful for the gift accorded him. Paul, likewise, thanked Bob's relatives, friends, and his own—and said that this was one of the happiest moments of his life.

The party was then adjourned but the fellows continued to make it an unforgettable occasion until the twelve o'clock curfew.

—Bernie Bullett

Formation and Centrifuge

By J. Shea

We received a well deserved *howling-out* from Seaman 1-c George Filiault in a recent letter. He would like to hear from us more often.

We were glad to see George Forgea MOMM 3-c back from the South Pacific. George's first job in Sprague's was in the Formation.

Two more of our men passed their exams for the service last week, John Zwiercan and Walt O'Dell. Both will be hard to replace.

We regret to state we lost our two fair operators, Anne Gouger and Margaret Lavoie. They were transferred to the Dry Test Department, not too far away.

Maintenance

By Umbriago

Party Honoring Larry Burt

A party was held at the Clarksburg Sportsmen's Club on May 25th, in honor of Larry Burt of the Maintenance Test, who is to be married June 2nd to Miss Sinclitico. A wallet and purse of money were presented to the guest of honor by Dan Kelly who acted as Toastmaster for the evening. Larry responded with well chosen remarks. During the evening, almost everyone was called upon for a few words, and Larry was the recipient of all kinds of fatherly and brotherly advice.

We think Larry Burt and Ed Fitzpatrick of Mica had a contest on to see who could eat the most...we haven't decided the winner to date, since both did a real job on that chicken. Our plumber, George Dicky, didn't have a look-in—and he really can eat, as can our Foreman, Art Giroux. At any rate, Larry had the good wishes of all present.

We know that Doris Benedetti of our office is a fisherwoman—but when she comes in and tells us that she caught TWO FISH ON ONE HOOK — well, we have our doubts.

Walter Daniels of Maintenance is looking for a circus that can make use of a high diver.

Tom Ryan, our plumber, is taking up wrestling — after having had a workout with a fire hose during a recent test. Tom says the hose was the winner by one throw under pressure.

Larry Dow of the Electrical Gang has departed for Brown Street plant. We shall miss you, Larry, and hope you get up here soon.

"Bus" Sherman of the Carpenter Shop has at last received his chicks and is doing a swell job. He intends to tie their legs so they will lay earlier. He is already taking orders for broilers...Get your orders in early, fellows.

Henry Bechard of the Electrical Gang has finally bought a car—after spending two months looking for one.

Bobby Wilson couldn't take the sunshine—so he is going on the night shift.

Note to Umbriago: What happened to your photo flash bulbs? Surely, you don't need your knitting bag to carry them.

Networks

By Lucy DeFazio

Welcome John Rice to our department.

Glad to see Eleanor Tatro back after her long illness.

A quick recovery is wished Jessie Wronski who is at the Plunkett Hospital, Adams, Mass.

We like the scent of one of Mildred Conroy's special perfumes, but Millie is keeping the name of it a Deep Dark Secret.

Production Scheduling

By Alice, Fran and Bette

That sweet whistling you hear now and then comes from none other than our own Wayne Davis, and believe me, Wayne, we enjoy it.

Why has Marie Rose been so quiet lately? The answer: "Moe" is now at Sampson taking his boot training...but he manages to call her occasionally...you lucky girl, Marie Rose.

Hazel Geraghty agrees the farmers need plenty of rain for their crops but just about now sunshine would be appreciated. Not only the folks on the farm but us city slickers too.

Say, Alice G., that new hair-do is very becoming.

There seems to be much happiness prevailing in a certain group of late. Eunice Charbonneau's soldier boy friend is home on furlough and she is walking on air...Fran Zaloga is expecting her sailor boy friend home very soon, he has been overseas for two years and more...Do we hear wedding bells?

Ruth Harris might appear to be a shy little violet in the office, but she is the life of the party at all our gatherings. She's quite a "Quip with the Lip." Yes, she's a hon with a pun.

Sympathy is extended to Alice Gomeau on the loss of her sister-in-law recently.



Pfc. Leo Lamarre, formerly of B.T.A., is now stationed at Camp Livingston, La. He is the husband of Carmel, of Dry Rolling.

Check Inspection

By Doris Domenick

Mary DelPonte is spending a few weeks with her husband, Arthur, S1-c who is stationed in Charleston, S. C.

Honeysuckles are beautiful flowers, but not worth the picking, when poison ivy is the result—how about it, Linda?

Peg Davies is missing 75 baby chicks—anyone knowing their whereabouts—please contact the F.B.I.

Our department extends best wishes to Mrs. Short's father who has been ill.

Helen Guertin was all smiles the other day when she received a big red rose from Art...How do you do it, Helen?

Songs for Inspectors in the Dry:

Marie Dennis—
Wonder When My Baby's Coming Home
Doris Domenick—Candy
Ann Roy—Always
Dot Mancuso—No Letter Today
Corinne Vanier—

A Little on the Lonely Side
Irene O'Dell—If I Had My Way
Alice Senecal—Night and Day
Bea Pierce—Paper Doll
Ethel Brown—Bell Bottom Trousers
Peg Davis—My Man

MACHINE SHOP NEWS

By J. Walsh and E. Remillard

From Johnny Mahoney:

At Sea

Hi Gang:

Just a note to tell you how this former co-worker of yours is getting along! So far, I'm doing all right and getting a lot of experience. The one thing that is very bothersome is the terrible heat! The temperature is always around a hundred. How the soldiers and Marines can stand it, living in fox holes is beyond me. They really are going through hell on earth. I consider my job pretty soft when I think of them.

The war in Germany being over was a big morale lifter out here. My only regret is that it didn't end before Danny got killed. I really miss him, gang.

I hope you are all fine and if any of you find a few minutes to spare—then drop me a line. I guess all you fishermen are getting your share!! Best of luck!

Johnny

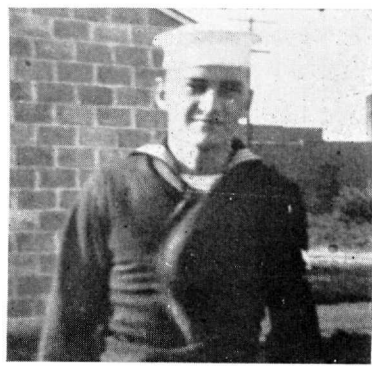
"Barney" Lindquist planted his garden in a raincoat and hipboots—intend to raise a rice crop, "Barney"?

"Tuffy" Rondeau recently returned from a business trip to Springfield — purely business, eh Tuffy?

HINTS TO VICTORY GARDENERS — Do consult "Puffle" Magnoli—he has solved the problem of weather hazards in gardening. He planted his garden in a farm wagon, and when the weather is cold and frosty, he simply hitches a horse to the wagon and drags garden and all into the warmth of the barn. If and when, old Sol decides to shine, his wife drags the garden out again.

In lieu of a son and heir, Ray Fawcett has about decided on a pup. He has adopted a dog called "Mickey."

Art Roland claims the vibrations in his yard are *not* minor earthquakes, but simply ground moles pushing the earth around.



Robert Begiebing SOM3-c stationed at Lauzon, and formerly of Factory Engineering. His father, "Pete" Begiebing is in Check Inspection.

"W. E." Department

By Emma Alongi

Our Congratulations go to Mary Currie who recently celebrated her 13th wedding anniversary and to Lena Seidel on her 17th.

Best wishes to Pauline Bazinet who recently celebrated her birthday.

FLASH!!! It has been reported that Kenneth Roy was Master of Ceremonies at Teen Town for three consecutive weeks. My, what talent! He also spent last week end in Springfield and enjoyed himself at Riverside Park.

Just wondering who in our department is the "Dead End Kid"...also what made Julia misjudge the drinking fountains.

From Donald A. Wyman

Hello Gang:

How's tricks — thought I would drop you a line to let you know my latest address. I'm in Frisco for five weeks of advance training. We flew our plane from Corpus Christi, Texas to San Diego and then up here. Our next stop is Pearl Harbor. All leaves were cancelled, as replacements were needed badly. I've waited a year to get that 15 days to go home, to see my family and friends — now I don't expect to see good Old New England for at least another year.

How are all the boys—I keep track of what is going on through the Log and where the boys are stationed in service. Be sure to notify the Log of my change of address.

How is all that old night crew still hitting it off—remember me to all of them. Well Jackson, take care of yourself and keep the boys on the ball so we can get this war over and so all of us can get home.

Regards,

Donald

Earl Williams Writes the Gang

Hello Gang!

Just a few lines to say hello and hope this finds everyone in good health. Please make a note of change of address so that I will continue to receive the Log. It is a long time between mail calls out this way and they are more welcome than ever. Suppose you all heard that I have become the proud papa of a son, since I left the States. It is a long time since I received a Log and I am looking forward to them so I can catch up on what is going on back home.

My best regards to both the night shift and the day gang. Keep up the work and it will surely help to shorten this war.

So long,

Earl

Engineering Specs

By Hazel Goodale

Our sincere sympathy to Betsy Haskins whose father passed away recently after a brief illness.

We extend a welcome to Doris Langer who has come to assist Rita Slade. Doris has completed her work at Drury and will be graduated in June.

We were pleasantly surprised by visits from three of our former co-workers. Seaman 2-c John Whitney, who is home on leave. He has been stationed in California where he has been in training maneuvers on LST and LCI boats as radar man. He is to report back to the west coast.

This department congratulates three more of our girls—Emma Underwood, Verna Lamore and Jeanette Denno—who graduated recently from the Nurses Aides Training School, and were capped at exercises held Thursday evening, May 31st. Congratulations also to Doris Hiser and Gene McKay who received stripes for 150 hours of service. The department is proud of these girls.

Congratulations to Bob Garner who was married on June 2nd to Rachael Lawson of K.V.A. Terminal Assembly.

The stag held on May 31st in honor of Bob Garner and Paul Teeple was to all accounts a huge success—in duplicity anyway. It seems the boys succeeded in selling Paul a ticket to Bob's stag and in selling Bob a ticket to Paul's stag—that's a new and improved method for making sure of the presence of a guest of honor.

Paper Rolling

By Margaret Lamberti

Sympathy is extended to Kathleen Morrissey on the loss of her mother.

Dry Test

By V. Short and M. Sherry

We were glad to hear of the liberation and return home of Marguerite Shay's brother, "Eddie". (Bet it is nice having him home again, Muggsy?)

Helen Mancuso's brother, Joe, who was recently promoted to Chief Petty Officer, was home on a short leave.

Margaret Anderson's son, Henry, was home on leave for Mothers' Day. He has been promoted to Chief Petty Officer.

We were glad to hear Mrs. Veazie's son, "Bill" was home recently on furlough.

Many happy returns to Lena Vicari. Welcome to Mrs. Elizabeth Wimpenny, Mrs. Ellen Swanson and Mrs. Bessie Brown, who have come to work in this Department.

A birthday party was held in honor of Blanche Boisvert by her co-workers. Blanche received a cake and gifts. (Many happy returns, Blanche.)

How was the milk cocktail, Josephine Bassie? Was it grade A?

Your cake was delicious, Pearl Dubreuil, despite the cost of walnuts at \$1.40 per lb.

Block Test

By Barbara King

Future Tennis Stars

Block Test girls have turned from bowling to tennis for the summer. The turnout at a recent practice session included Julia Abraham, Eleanor Stoeber, Helen Lesure and Barbara King. Practice sessions will be at least once a week at the Y.M.C.A. courts.

Mary Garner and Irene Carsno were recent visitors in Canada, going there to visit relatives.

Frances Solari celebrated her 6th wedding anniversary on May 15th. Her husband was unable to be with her on the occasion, being stationed somewhere in France.

Bertha Jennings is spending a week's vacation in New York; Henry Embry is spending his in Buffalo, N. Y.

Congratulations to "Chuck" Rarick. He is now—"Uncle Chuck" to his sister's baby daughter—and my, is he proud!

Thanks, Eleanore Stoeber, for the swell chocolates you passed around the other day—when you won the pool. You lucky girl!

We wish to extend our sympathy to Agnes Perry, whose brother died recently.

Block Annex

By Esther Driscoll

Welcome back, Pat Marlowe.

Ethel Collins gave several quite a scare the other day when she arrived with something that looked like measles—but no—it was only something she had eaten that caused the alarming spots.

All the summer hair-dos are back again—pigtails, upsweeps and the like...they look darn cute, too.

Welcome to our department Bernard Flaherty and Richard Dean, hope you like it here.

Karem Tash has proved to be quite a painter. At least the racks look much better now, Karem.

Frances Morse, our check inspector, says the heat bothers her. Cheer up, Fran, you know heat is reducing, they say.

Recent visitors to our department: GM2-c Thomas Perras. He was in the battle of Saipan and also the Marshall Islands. He is home on a five day sick leave and is to report back to his ship somewhere on the coast. Tommy has been in the service two and one half years.

Pvt. Edward Suthers, our former stock clerk has just finished basic training at Camp Wheeler, Ga. He is to report back to Fort Meade, Md.

Sgt. Norman Belleau, a gunner on a B-29. He has been in the service three years and has been stationed at Camp Buckman, Fla. He is expecting to take that long flight anyday. Good luck, Norman.

Boxing

By Connie Urbano

Vi Harvey, what happened to your pay check? Can you cash anyones check the same way?

Our Clerk, Maud Gebauer, has returned from a two weeks' vacation.

Curly D. How, Where, When, and Why did you acquire the name, "Fuzzy Wuzzy."

Bathtub Assembly

By Ruth Haskins

It's nice to have Helen Duda back with us after her recent illness.

Alice Monette with her lovely smile has returned to us from Lynn.

We all miss Mary Wellspeak who is on leave.

We all rejoice with Pearl Johnson in the safe return of her daughter and two grandchildren, who were former prisoners of the Japs in the Philippines.

Dry Rolling

By Isabelle Paquette

Will wonders never cease. "Red" Lewitt got a seat on the bus the other night.

Our foreman, Adam Novak, is spending a week's vacation in Maine. He's going fishing. His luck will be told later.

The record "Down on the Farm", will bring Alice Bennett to our minds now for that is where she lives.

Don't you ever stay out again, Billy Lamberti, because we all found out we need you so much.

Factory Engineering

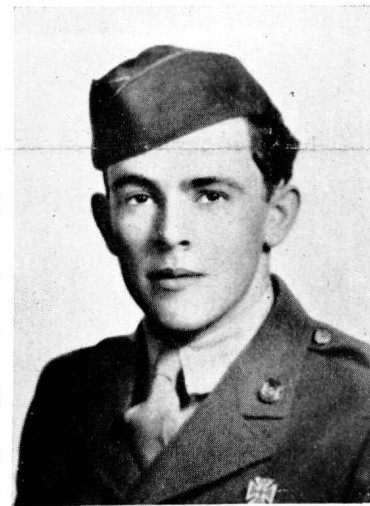
By Doris Roy

We hear Laura Ferguson slipped on some wet leaves and bruised herself quite a bit. What's the matter Red, hard time waking yourself up at such an early hour in the morning?

After a brief illness, Henry Anderson is back at his desk just raring to go once more. Glad to see you back Andy, and here's hoping it will be a long time before you start having trouble with that little man in the white coat.

What was the cause for Andreanna Prystas' excitement one day last week? Well, it seems her husband's division, which is now in Czechoslovakia, had quite a write up in the paper, and caused quite a bit of commotion. Here's hoping you're all quieted down now Andy.

Your reporter wishes all the happiness and good luck in the world to her Mom and Dad who celebrated their 23rd Anniversary Decoration Day.



Pfc. Ralph Burdick, stationed in Germany. Husband of Natalie, of B.T.A.

Section Test

By M. Daniels and L. Flaherty

"Kay" Pappas spent another weekend in Boston recently...Margaret Daniels had a nice time in Albany when she visited there... "Lil" Flaherty has been spending her week ends in New York City visiting her sailor husband... "Vy" Allard was a guest of one of her friends at the U. V. M. in Burlington, Vermont recently and had a very nice time.

Have you heard of the girl in the Salvage Group who claims snakes fascinate her. Brave Lucy... We hear Jeanette Brooks, our cadet nurse, started her training in the Male Ward. Lucky Girl... Little Helen Blair attended the Military Ball and Banquet... "Peg" Sutliff wasn't kidding about the male situation.

We understand the war hasn't changed "Buzz" Buzzell. When last heard from he was at the Solomon Islands and still the same old kid.

Arthur Gilman S2-c, son of Ethel is convalescing in the U. S. Naval Hospital at Gulfport, Miss.

We are glad to see you won out on the bout with ill health, Marion Chrzanowski.

Scarbo Family Have 100% Sprague Background

Left: Frank Scarbo with sons, James, George and Earl. (Taken from Group picture on page 3.)

The last shall be first and the first shall be last. The last member of the Scarbo family to join the ranks of Sprague workers was Mr. Frank Scarbo; while his wife, Mrs. Margaret Scarbo was one of the first to become a Sprague employee back in 1930—the year the Sprague Electric Company moved to North Adams.

A Scarbo Family Tradition

Just to make it perfect, their son James Scarbo started to work for Sprague's January 1931 and is now

employed in the Cap Shop. His brother Earl came to work in March of that year and is now Foreman of B.T.A. George Scarbo has just completed his Apprentice Machinist Course at the Beaver Street Shop, and was formerly employed in the Wet Department for Frank Gassett, transferred to the Can Shop, until he entered the four-year Apprentice course in May, 1941.

Cupid shot his arrows swiftly at Sprague's, for Earl Scarbo married Miss Marie Chaperon, George married Miss Margaret O'Leary, while James married Miss Helen King. All three girls were formerly employed at Sprague's.

And so the Scarbo's entered the ranks of distinguished all-Sprague families when Mr. Frank Scarbo—whose wife, three sons and three daughters-in-law who all work or have worked here—also became a member of the Sprague Company in August 1942. He is now employed in the Resistor Department.



The engagement of Miss Theresa May Gerry to Norbert Tanguay has been announced. No date has been set for the wedding. Theresa is employed in the Paper Rolling Department and Norbert in the Maintenance Department.

The engagement of Alice Daignault, of the Production Engineering Department to Robert Thomas has been announced. The wedding is to take place in the near future.



Mr. and Mrs. George Perras are the parents of a son born May 11th. Mr. Perras is employed in the Stock Room at the Marshall Street Plant.

A daughter, to Pvt. and Mrs. Wallace Dickinson, born June 1, 1945. Mrs. Dickinson was the former Edith Lee of Factory Engineering Dept. Pvt. Dickinson is now stationed in Burma.

A son born to Mr. and Mrs. John Carlow. Father is employed in the Machine Shop at the Brown Street Plant.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Damiano, June 2, 1945. Louis is employed in the Maintenance Department.

Celebrate Silver Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Charbonneau who recently celebrated their silver wedding anniversary. Mr. Charbonneau, a veteran of World War I, and Mrs. Charbonneau (Celia of the B.T.A. Department) are the parents of five children. Two sons William and Earl, lost their lives in action in the Mediterranean; Wilfred is in the Navy; Eunice is in Production Scheduling and Leona in Dry Test. Mary Fulde, mother of Mrs. Charbonneau tendered the couple a party recently in their honor.



Casimer H. Sanecki, of the Coast Guard and Miss Petrina Ribis of Brooklyn procured a license to marry at the city clerk's office at New York. They were married on June 3rd. Sanecki formerly worked in the Resistor Department.

Miss Verna Blair and Henry Dufrane were married on May 10th. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's sister, with Rev. Ivanhoe McCollum officiating. Mrs. Dufrane is employed in the Paper Rolling Department.

The marriage of Miss Jean Bishop and Mr. Clarence C. Delisle was solemnized at the Notre Dame church, May 19, 1945. Mrs. Delisle is an employee of the Industrial Oil Department, Brown Street Plant.

Miss Lillian LaRamie and Corp. Henry A. Scrivens were married Saturday morning, May 19, 1945, at St. Francis church. Corp. Scrivens formerly worked in the Dry Rolling Department.

Miss Jeanne Guertin and Corp. William A. Wheeler were married on May 19, 1945. Mrs. Wheeler formerly worked in Selkar Dept. at the Marshall Street Plant.

Miss Mary Muldowney and Mr. George Saulnier were married Saturday, May 26th. George is employed in Production Scheduling Department.

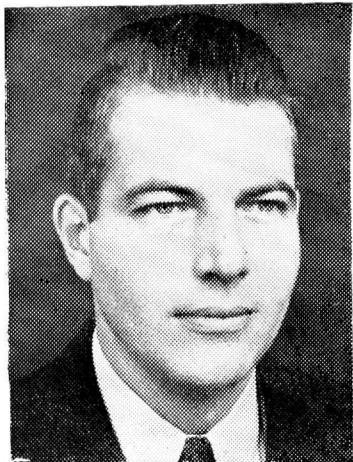
The marriage of Rachel Lawson and Robert Garner occurred June 2, 1945. Rachel is employed in K.V.A. Terminal Assembly, and "Bob" is employed in Production Engineering Dept.

Miss Elisa Catherine Sinclitico and J. Lawrence Burt were married Saturday, June 2nd, Elisa (Jennie) is employed in the Retail Sales Department and Lawrence is employed in the Maintenance Department as a radio technician.

DRY TEST HONORS CO-WORKER

Helen LeSage was honored at a birthday party given by the Dry Test Girls on May 15. First row: Joan Haley, Eleanor Stack, Loretta Milisewski and Jennie Chalifoux. Second row: Alice Miller, Josephine Bassie, Helen LeSage, Marge Hauptfleisch and Gladys Sullivan. Back row: Helen Mancuso, Mrs. Rose Lebert, Pearl Dubreuil, Mrs. Dubreuil, Irene Major and Elaine Bourdon.

Named to License Board



Again our Personnel Manager, Jack Washburn has been recognized for his very capable ability. He was recently appointed to the license board by Mayor Cornelius E. O'Brien, as substitute for a member serving in the armed forces. Mr. Washburn has had considerable experience as a public servant and is held in high esteem.

Women Have Won Permanent Place in Industry

The beachhead won by women in key jobs in the radio manufacturing industry has been consolidated, a survey just completed by the Radio Manufacturers Association discloses.

In key technical jobs requiring more than average schooling as well as practical experience in radio assembly, women have proved that they are as efficient as men. A spokesman for the RMA pointed out that there is virtually no technical job in the industry which cannot be handled by a woman who is properly trained for it.

Women, now working as phasers, engineering records supervisors, drafts-women, precision inspectors, testers, analyzers, internal production expeditors, radio servicers, and electrical repairers, technical editors, lab assistants, and parts changers were cited by RMA officials for their excellent contribution to the war effort.

The manual dexterity of women, their patience and precision has made them ideal for most of the jobs in the industry, the survey concluded.

Lab Gab

By Marjorie Peck

Jack Banker is a very thoughtful fellow! When his son was born recently, he brought in candy bars for the girls as well as cigars for the men.

Croom Beatty, the bridge champ of the Lab, will take on any comers, to challenge his high position! He's really pretty good!

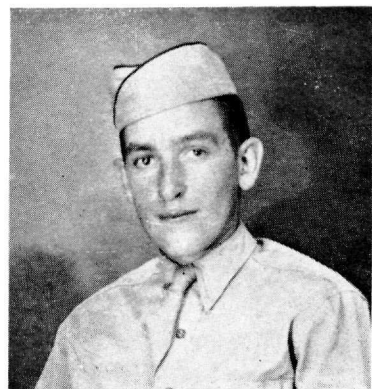
Bob Shoemaker, is taking his vacation and plans to attend his twenty-fifth reunion at college in Illinois. We all hope he will have a wonderful time.

Our "Vic" Obenhaus is a great fishing fan, and goes at every possible opportunity. We expect to receive several nice trout one of these days, Vic!

Ann Rowley, was very happy recently — her brother was home for a two weeks' leave.

Jane Donovan's best friend and husband arrived from Chicago. Jane was so overcome with surprise that she kissed the husband hello, instead of her friend. Such is life!

We are pleased to welcome (this being the first opportunity) Harold St. Denis, who is now working in Paul Netherwood's lab. Hope he likes it.



Pfc. Peter Domenichini, now in Germany. Son of Maria of Selkar.

Shipping Dept.

By I. Brundige and E. Rivers

Jimmy Knox is back to work after a week's vacation in Maine, where he went trout and salmon fishing.

Byron Boyd is back to work after a vacation.

Henry McCusker is always hitting his fingers, when he is nailing box tops. He hides the hammers and forgets where he puts them.

Angie DeMayo enjoyed a pleasant week end in Burlington, Vt.

Frances Moreau spent a week end in New York City.

What Would Happen If:

Ora Boyer and Dot Slade didn't have chewing gum.

Henry McCusker took a step and a half, instead of half a step.

Beatrice Curtis wore a dress.

Rachel Meranti didn't wear a bow in her hair.

Mario Magnani didn't take a sliver out of his hand, every day. (What would happen if the nurse sees him?)

Eddie Rivers took the change out of his pocket.

Ernie Haley wasn't good natured. Ernie Belleau could keep track of his teeth.

Dave Kerr wasn't so honest.

Frannie Moreau came to work on time.

Angie DeMayo stopped laughing.

"Chena" Bushika walked instead of hopped.

WIRE TAPPING, CAMEL STYLE

Telephone wires leading into a U. S. army signal corps station went dead when a drove of grazing camels did not discriminate between grass and wire that was stretched on the ground.

A GROUND OFFICER'S PRAYER

Please, War Department, won't you listen to me
I've waited so long, now I'm making my plea;
I joined up to fight not to sit here and wait,
And I promised the Axis that we'd have a date.

I wanted to fly but my eyes are too bad,
But it's not this affliction that makes me feel sad
It's the fact that I'm willing and eager to fight
And waiting around here just doesn't seem right.

I've been a good soldier as my bar will attest,
I've earned my commission back there with the rest;
So now that I've studied and played the game square
I want to pack up and get over there.

I want to see action, I want to help win,
It's not going to last long so I'd better begin,
I know that you need me in your office right here
But I want to see action. Do I make myself clear?

I'm young and I'm willing and I'm dying to go
Far over the ocean and get in on the show.
So please won't you hurry and grant me my plea
And send me fighting far over the sea?

A restless Administrative Officer,
Lt. Raymond H. Tremblay

Selkar Satires

By R. Morrissey and C. Wager

We extend a hearty welcome to all the new girls in the department.

Elizabeth Robicheau really has a notable pastime. She has saved all the editions of the *Log* and is making a scrapbook of them all.

Mary Bernard brought in a record that her husband had made and sent from the S. Pacific and played it on the recording machine and erroneously forgot to turn the switch off and everyone on the night shift heard it. We all enjoyed it almost as much as you, Mary.

Poor Laura Jowett, it certainly is trying to be able to resist those goodies that the girls indulge in every night.

Florence Despault has solved the gas problem for the boys who go fishing. She has a big tank and raises her own fish, any size you want. Now, there, boys is an idea!

F L A S H: Excitement in the room. A streak of lightning went by, faster than a train, an airplane, can it be SUPERMAN? No, Alda got news that her husband is home on leave.

Martha Carberry has gone in the chicken business. She has a nice little brood and is now taking orders for broilers. Get in line, please.

Recent celebrations: Mrs. Porter's birthday, Florence Doran's birthday.

Mary Dean doubly celebrated at Claremont, N. H., where her brother and sister each got married on the same day.

Mabel Gingras, corresponds with her brother, a surgeon, who was recently on Guam and he tells her that the natives there value peroxide more than money. And they just love light hair. And his having red hair certainly has them guessing.

Connie Davis is wondering where Lillian Kenyon collects her bits of wit.

Winifred Knowles and Laura Casucelli just have to walk around at rest period after testing all night, or is Laura working up an appetite for that sundae?

Rose Salter's husband is now in San Francisco, and is part of the Camera Crew covering the Conference.

"Vicci", now don't you get in the habit of forgetting that pocketbook!

Honorable Mention

Honorable Mention goes to Ora Lesage. Just recently her third son left for boot training at Sampson. He is Donald and is formerly of Williams College. Henry Jr. is in the Marines and in the S. Pacific. The third is Bernard R. an ensign in the Navy.

The Good Neighbor Policy is well exercised in the room. The girls on one side cooperate in helping the other side when it needs them.

Delia Babeu's husband is complaining about not having had a homemade pie since his wife came to work. You have many sympathizers, Fred.

Mother and Daughter teams: Margaret Williams and daughter Barbara on day shift.

Alma Beaupre and daughter Cecile Risch on day shift.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Was it really necessary to have that umbrella open in the car or did the roof really leak?

Veola Hazzard, why don't you give us an introduction to the cute little sailor who gave you the bear hug?

FISHING NEWS: A certain man, Frank Daniels, electrician, went fishing recently and would you believe it—he caught two Bullheads on one hook! He has the special hook to show if anyone would care to see it.

William Goodermote went fishing last Sunday. What a whopper he caught. How big was it, Bill? Did it pull you in the pond?

Alda, Grace, Florence and Ruth, our waxers have quite a collection of pictures in their bird cage. They have the welcome mat on the floor now.

Betsy Lockwood will just have to wear earmuffs when she comes to work on a certain table.

Sylvia Beaudin's hair is turning gray since her daughter got that new bike.

Bertha Watson, don't you get in the habit of forgetting your glasses, or we'll be getting suspicious.

Alda O'Neil, the girls all thank you for the sneak preview of the latest creation!

Margaret Fressola, you'd better start charging for those pepper sandwiches!

DON'T FORGET...JAPS BUY WAR BONDS TOO! !

80,000,000 Japs have one determination -- to crush the U. S. They work long hours to supply weapons to their armies. They have stripped to bare living essentials to furnish their government money with which to pay for the war. Trained to believe they must win or face destruction, every Jap is prepared to sacrifice his money, his family, and himself.... To beat the Japs, we Americans at home must OUTDO the Jap efforts in money and war materials.

Retail Sales Dept.

By the Girls
Working for Hank Gamari

We welcome Alice Malloy to our Department. Hope you like working with us.

A supper was enjoyed on Thursday evening, April 26th at Florini's in honor of Miss Jennie Sindlitico who was married June 2 to Lawrence Burt of Maintenance. She was presented a gift and a corsage by her co-workers.

Rita is surely having a grand time with her one and only who is home on a 21 day furlough. He is serving in the air crew of the Army Air Corps. Can't blame you, Rita.

Ask Henry Gamari what happened to him while he was leaning on the railing at Burke's Inn, April 26th?



Pvt. Joseph Dobbert, now in France. He is the brother of Edith Russell of Dry Rolling.

Maintenance

By Frank Daniels

Jimmy Cozzaglio, the carpenter, has made a water wheel to take back to the old country, after the war; so as to enable him to generate his own power for his circular saws, band saws, and other equipment.

Claude Wager is quite a sketch; he sent Florence Gingras down stairs looking for a paper stretcher. Did she find one, Claude?

We welcome Harold Cady of Maintenance Test to Selkar Finishing, where he is repairing the test equipment.

Faxon Bowen has taken a few days off in hopes of getting his garden planted.

Some girls upstairs in Selkar had what they called quite a delicacy for lunch the other day—fried burdocks.

Selkar Log

By Rita Siciliano

What is the big attraction in Bennington, girls? Anna Downey's car certainly was filled up.

Hurrah! hurrah! Pat Gouger's brother Lieutenant Pete Gouger has been liberated and is on his way home to the States.

Jean Cuddeback's brother, Sgt. Robert, of the U. S. Marine Corps, visited his family recently.

Marion Roy and Nettie Murphy sure were lucky on their birthdays. Both received very nice gifts from their friends on the "Line" but why was Marion passing out cigarettes? What brand were they, Marion?

The waxers of Selkar have quite a collection of pin-up pictures. At Liz's table you will see what the best dressed girl will not wear this season.

Anyone who appreciates good singing should hear "Belle" Hosty give out with Rum and Coco-Cola". How about it, girls?

Welcome back to Vicky Doran and Norma Barcomb.

Three Southern gals have landed in our midst; the rest of the girls enjoy their southern drawl. They are Vivian Hutchins; Texas, Rosella Birks, Idaho, and Margaret Bruggeman, Idaho. Welcome to Selkar, girls, and also North Adams.

What was Frank Daniels searching for in the cuff of "Chuck" Blouin's trousers? Any lunch, Frank?

By Minnie Dextradeur

Welcome to Harold Cady from Maintenance Test of Beaver Street to the Selkar Department.

All I do I dream of Blue Windows. How about you, Peter Jobin?

Gina Cellana has a chief petty officer in her family. Her son, Arthur.

Welcome to the new Check Inspector for the Selkar Dept. Phyllis Carlson. Not that we didn't need an extra one.

Want a knife sharpener, Madeleine Robare?

Nora (Ma) Deir attended a wedding in Pittsfield.

Don't forget a bond for the 7th War Bond Drive.

EVEN NOW

Though the bombs may fall,
Will the night ever end;
Yet a thought for you Mom
I must pause and send.
Many a watery mile away,
You long it shall not be;
Yet in each star and flash in the night,
Your sweet face I can see.
That's all for now, Mom

The "All Clear" just blew;
Though I must get a little rest
I know that I'll dream of you.

Love, Bob
(Received by Mrs. Harry Windrow from her son at Okinawa.)

BROWN STREET

"BRIEFS"

Wire Coating

First Shift -- By Betty Jangrow

The Wire Coating and Control Departments wish to extend deepest sympathy to Laurence Haskins and his family in the loss of their father.

A Wire Coater's Dream

An endless unwind.
Never again to hear the words—
Dirty, Oily, Kinky, Spotty or Pinch,
Cracky Wire.

Non-chipping pulleys — A "break-proof" wire — Longer weekends — A cool summer and a perfect vacation — Summer styles of shorts and halters — An amplifying system so Bill Battersby's voice won't wear out when broadcasting — and a draftless ventilating system — seeing our boys come *Marching home* — Good Health and happiness for all — Oh well—one can dream, can't one?

Second Shift -- By Helen Burdick

Corena Tatiro is all smiles again. Her son, Bernard, who is in the Navy called her from San Francisco the other night. Bernard has been in the Pacific for the last six months.

Edith Dillon's son, Jimmie, who has been stationed in Italy with the 15th Air Force has arrived back in this country.

Third Shift - -

Back to work with us are Ethel Kayes and Grace Perreault. Nice to have you back again.

Welcome to our new member, Evelyn Krzeminski, and the best of luck to our former member, Mary Antenucci who has left us.

We extend a speedy recovery to—Mrs. Warren Clough, wife of our co-worker, Warren; to Bill Dunn, a member of the Control, patients at St. Luke's Hospital, Pittsfield.

Mary Rosse and her pal "Grumpy" are having quite a bit of trouble these days. He seems to put her in plenty of embarrassing predicaments especially when he is parked between two other "cars" in the morning or stops dead in the middle of traffic!

CENSORSHIP

I can't tell you the things that you're anxious to hear

For the censor still sings, "There are Japs lurking near."

Don't you mention the ship and don't write of her crew.

Let a careless word slip and your chances are few.

You can shorten your life with your pen and ink.

So, when writing your wife, my boy, stop and think.

You're unwise if you tell where the ship anchored last.

Torpedoes are hell and a ship can sink fast.

We wouldn't complain of the chances you take.

But let us be sane, Men's lives are at stake!

By R. Morrow
From "Argusette"

Meter Multiplier Room

By C. Grenier and H. Wager

Ruth Peterhansel, if you must practice your aerial act on the clothes line, string up a net to land in, instead of that brambly rose bush...Or why not join Barnum and Bailey's, where there's always a crowd and plenty of pop-corn too?

Mrs. Tatiro took time off from singing her latest melody, "Hi, Lo Hi-lo" to warn would-be robbers that her *jools* are guarded by the *choppers*... so beware! *They even bite her!*

Ask Flo Harris if love is but a dream! Colleen Barbeau, we enjoy seeing your Gypsy Rose Lee act every morning, but an invitation to a spaghetti supper—that we would like to see. We'll even bring our own meat balls if that is an inducement!

Familiar scenes:

That Sailor boy on the boss lady's desk.

Elaine LaBonte changing blouses huddled under a raincoat.

Bessie Bellard sneaking in for a chat.

Della Remillard and Kay Mullen "cutting a rug" during lunch hour.

Man—can those two gals jitterbug!

Diantha Bratcher wearing her new apron plus the price tag.

Justly Proud

We have a just reason to be proud of our department. One of our patriotic worker's, Viola Savage, recently purchased a \$500.00 war bond! The combined bond sales have long passed the billion mark but millions more are needed. Will you buy more too? I'm sorry, Inez Benoni and Evelyn Gardzina, that I didn't bring that sailor over to your table, but then you did see his "Mom" waiting for him. That handsome sailor, girls, was none other than Sally's son, Louis Pedericini St-c.

Our de-pest sympathy to Florina Fillion on the loss of her sister who lived in Canada.

K.V.A. Cover Assembly

By D. Poirot and Y. Ross

"Disa and Data"

John Barrett who is leaving for a rest, will be missed by all; especially the solderers. Besides being a good serviceman he kept the girls happy with his singing. Best of luck to you John and hurry back!

Have you noticed Ada Brookman's happy smile these days? Reason — her son, St-c David Brookman, is home on a thirty day leave from active duty in the South Pacific.

Songs That Fit --

Rena Brassard—
Let the Rest of the World Go By

Alyce Crockwell—*Alice Blue Gown*

Blanche Cyr—*High On a Windy Hill*

Fran, Delisle—*Fuzzy Wuzzy*

Betty DeMarco—*Beautiful Dreamer*

Dot Fowler—*I'm Stepping Out With a Memory Tonight*

Edna Jillson—
Ma, I Miss Your Apple Pie

Phil. Labrecque—
Tramp, Tramp, Tramp

"Dolly" Poirot—*I Want a Girl*

Dot. Polmatier—
Three O'Clock 'n the Morning

Yvonne Ross—*After the Ball Was Over*

Isabel Witherow—*Mama*

Sample News

By Ears and Eyes of the Sample Lab

Welcome to Helen Burzimati and Sally Sherr to our Department. Hope you like it here, girls.

Warning to all unattached males—Helen Burzimati caught the bride's bouquet last Saturday at her sister's wedding!

If Mary Babcock doesn't stop eating those *Wheaties* every morning, we're not going to have any plugs left.

The man who said the *corn* belt is down South should work in the Sample Dept. for about a week.

Example: the *corny*-est joke of the week, is from Miss Alma Finardi of "Riverside Drive." Here it is: "What do you do to get rid of a blind pimple?" Ans: "Put a pair of glasses on it, so it can find it's way out!"

Anyone who has a set of boxing gloves, see Alma Finardi—she could use them.

If you happen to meet Rita DeMarco on the street—be sure and wave to her or else take the consequences. But Rita when we first get up in the morning we can't see anything—honestly!

So long to Harold Alderman, it seems funny not to hear that, "What's-up-Doc?" line of his.

Hi, Pvt. Boots, hope you are feeling swell now and we're glad to know you enjoy reading our *Log*. We all wish you the best of luck.



THE LONG GREEN

Roses are red and violets blue,

--Get out of the red with a bond or two;

You'll never be blue, when you're in the black,

So buy more bonds till you own a stack.

—Berton Braley

Vitamin "Q"

By Erminia Sweeney

Rhena Pratt returned from a week's vacation, spent with her son in Maryland, who is stationed there.

The heat seems to be getting everyone in this room, even Joe Macksey had to remove his tie.

Kenny Russell is very busy these days he informs me his fish are having large families.

Anita Pedericini and Agnes Busby received a large bouquet of tulips from Julie Dupell.

Someone stole all of Peggy Daub's rabbits and chickens; she says they can have the brooder too, she has no use for it now.

Leonida Dufraine won a pair of Kenny Russell's sword-tail fishes. WE'll be up for supper Leonida.

Everyone received a card from Nettie LaFave from North Carolina. Thank you, Nettie.

Celia Stasiowski spent a few days in New York City recently with her brother, who is a pilot in the Air-Force.

Pat. Pecor, our inspector, sure has sharp eyes.

Glad to see Mrs. Maynard well and back with us again.

Answers to Quiz

1.—367

2.—714

3.—2130

RECENT MARRIAGES - - -



Arthur Vuillemot, AM.2-c and Mrs. Vuillemot, married April 3, 1945. Mrs. Vuillemot was the former Evelyn Sheehan of the Paper Rolling Department.



Pvt. and Mrs. Philipp Babeu, married April 14, 1945 at St. Stanislaus Church. Mrs. Babeu is the former Jean Koza of "W.E." Dept.; Pvt. Babeu, formerly of Block Test, is now stationed at Ft. Knox, Ky.

Resistor Shipping

By Evelyn Dodge

To Katherine Szurek: Misfortune falls in lots they say. Sorry to hear your son has a fractured knee. Tell Sonny for us he can have his vacation early this year.

Kay Giambrino sure has a lovely new hair-do. It's so different, Kay.

Sorry to hear Catherine Coody's son, George St-c, is hospitalized in Bremerton, Washington.

Dot Belanger, next time you call Mother, better time the call. How much was the bill, Dot?

Songs that remind me of

people in our department:

Dot Belanger—*Happiness is Just a Thing Called Joe*

Connie Babeau—
Sidewalks of New York

Katherine Szurek—
Everything Happens to Me

Eileen Lambert—
We Have No Bananas, Today

Evelyn Dodge—*Evelina*

Louise Lamphier—
Since You Went Away

Kay Coody—*Gobs of Love for the Navy*

Kay Edson—
Klang, Klang Goes the Trolley

"Flo" Harris—*Moonlight and Roses*

Kay Mantello—*Anchors Aweigh*

Impregnating and Oils

By Natalie Mazzuchelli

The gang at work hope you're feeling better, Mrs. L. Barber; get well and hurry back.

Gladys Rys spent a week end in Boston recently, and from what we hear she had a good time. Mrs. Mary Braham and daughter, Joan, spent a week end there also.

Saturday, May 19th, wedding bells were ringing for Jean Bishop and Clarence Delisle — Congratulations.

Most of us like to "take it easy" on our vacation but, "Ernie" Bradley spent most of his time working in his victory garden. We hope you get good results, "Ernie".

"Joe" Rossi of the U. S. A. visited the plant last Tuesday only to find that many things have been changed. "Joe" was formerly of Impregnating.

Finally, we've heard from our Marinette, "Ikey" Bunting, formerly a voltage tester of K.V.A. She's now in California and is feeling "fit as a fiddle."

Mrs. M. Samia has been transferred to the Stockroom. We hope you like your new job.

Summer is coming slowly but we find Vivian Shaw, Margaret Kernahan, and Catherine Griggs all dolled up with their new perms.

DOWN OUR WAY

By You and I

Who is the person or persons responsible for the beautiful send-off given to John Burdick one night after work? It certainly wakes one up doesn't it, John?

What would happen if Mr. Felix, our competent guard, didn't say "Well I think we're going to have more rain this afternoon, it seems to be clouding up."

Welcome to Peter Horbal who has just started his duties in the Time Study office. We know you will enjoy working at Brown Street.

When, oh when, is Ray Shields going to get a new hat? If he would only crush the crown, it would be a change anyway.

A gift of a gold identification bracelet was recently given to Dot. Pasierbiak for her birthday. It certainly feels good to know one has such good co-workers doesn't it Dot?

Like New Quarters

The girls of the Payroll office are very appreciative of their new office. Everyone who had a part in making it such a pleasant place to work in, did a wonderful job. They ran the gamut of Carpenters, Electricians, telephone men and the Janitor, till at times it looked more like Fifth Ave., at high noon; but in spite of jumping over things, stepping to one side, moving here and there, it was worth everything.

They thought everything had quieted down but lo and behold, guess what is at the back door? A cement mixer! But no complaints, it is also for their benefit so they will just ignore the noise.

What Would Happen If:

Pete Law—

slowed down to a walking pace

Lloyd Bullet—*didn't always have his time slips in on time*

Miss Lowe—*forgot her white cap*

John Smith—*didn't ask how many minutes can he last before he loses Sat. time-and-one-half.*

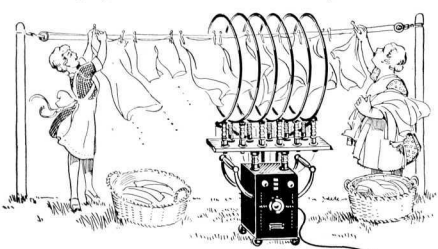
Harold Carson—*wasn't our Wednesday Radio "Master of Ceremonies"*

The Payroll Office have a mystery. They're very much afraid that to solve it would involve too many persons. Everyone refuses to talk. Paging Sherlock Holmes!

To quote one of the reporters, "The Beeler Boys", have finally broken up.

Walt Burr has been transferred to Marshall St. We bet things won't stop happening just because of this change.

Drying the Wash in 5 Minutes -- by Radio



The Beginning of My Day

As I sit and roll at the end of the aisle
I watch the people parade and I smile
Some pass by at a pretty fast gait,
Some pass slowly — stop and wait.
Some go by with a gay word and smile,
Others wonder—is working worth while?

In some of their hearts is sadness and
sorrow
Brave soldiers all, they look for to-
morrow.
First comes Dickie, always there with-
out fail—
Tries out his intelligence, then leans
on a rail.
Then there is Kenny, who gets bother-
ed and upset
If he misses a question and "Tun" wins
the bet.

Along around seven comes "Vi" and
"Nell"
Always ready for work and a story to
tell.
Many others I could name—but
'twould take too much space
So I'll just quit dreaming—and help
win the race.

Eliz. Slattery, Vit. "Q"

Mica Molding and Impregnation

By Jessie Vallieres

VACATIONING

Vacations seem to be just about the
sole topic of conversation these days.
However, opinions differ as to *where*
and when one should vacation:

For instance—Frank Jones always
has a *yen* to "Go West." This year
he will satisfy that yen and go to
Indiana. And Helen Scarfone likes a
quiet, sandy beach such as you find at
the Cape. Just to lie in the sun all day
is the only thing that tempts her.

Others like to travel, but Alma
Mausert is the only one who rightfully
can—she doesn't have to shirk at the
sight of the billboard saying—"Is this
trip necessary?" . . . Then, there are
the home-bodies like Fred, Sarge, Walt,
Don and Peanuts. Compulsory of
course. They say they like to tinker
with this and that, but golly, you can
do work around the house anytime.
John Maselli likes to fish. His idea of
a vacation is a nice spot beside a
babbling brook, with plenty of *food*
just in case he doesn't catch any fish.

But "Irish", our friends and myself,
have altogether different opinions. We
can't wait to get up to the Adirondack
Mountains. Among the big tall pines
are tiny lakes just as though they were
sprinkled down freshly from above.
There you have your favorite horse
for a companion and you ride up the
mountains and around the lakes. The
beauty is almost breathtaking. The
rest of your day can be divided among
the many other things to do. You
play tennis, ping-pong, horseshoes, bad-
minton, or shuffle-board. You can go
bicycling, canoeing, rowing, swimming
or play a game of baseball. No one
cares how well you do any of these
things as long as you're having fun.
When evening falls you gather for a
dance and refreshments. Everyone is
well acquainted and a week rolls by
as a day.

Yes—this is our idea of a vacation.

Our Safety Corner



Maintenance

By Dorothy Boutwell

Doc Plumb and George Godfrey
must have their fun, even if it means
that your reporter and Louis Poirot
have to go *up* and *down* stairs all day.

We are all very sorry to hear that
Charlie Dean wrenched his back when
he leaned back too far in his chair
yesterday and it toppled over.

"Doc" Estes is going to have seven
years bad luck according to the girls
in the payroll office. He broke their
mirror the other morning while clean-
ing up the office and if he doesn't get
them a new one they will make his life
miserable until he does. I don't know
whether he can hold out for seven
years or not.

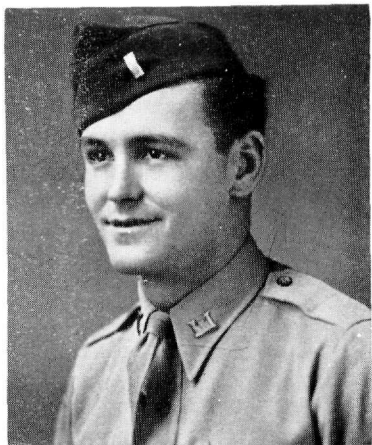
Francis Judge of Brown Street
Warehouse No. 1, was on vacation last
week. He said that he only went as
far as Hoosick Falls so didn't bother to
send us a card.

Art Caron and Archie Donnelly seem
to be spending quite a bit of time in the
new payroll office, we don't know
whether the attraction is the girls or
not, but they are using leaky radiators
for an excuse.

We have a new addition to the Ware-
house in the person of Doris Barnes
who is doing clerical work after school
and on Saturdays. Welcome Doris
and hope you like your new job.

Ray Shields who has been fixing the
roof over the platform at Warehouse
No. 1, had to make a hurried call at
Miss Lowe's office the other day. It
seems Ray was paying too much atten-
tion to the girls going through the
yard and hit his finger instead of the
nail with the hammer.

Your reporter wishes to remind you
all that every penny put into bonds in
this 7th War Loan brings the day of
victory that much nearer. Which do
you prefer: *buy bonds* now or have
bondage later?



**Lt. Ray Tremblay, a former em-
ployee of Mica department, is sta-
tioned in the Pacific area. He is
the son-in-law of Angie Cardimino
of Mica. His poem appears in this
issue.**

Industrial Oil Rolling

By Blanche Duquette

GREAT NEWS:

Edith Shaw has received word that
her husband has been released from a
German prison camp and is due home.
Angie Trimarchi and "Nita" Kleiner
also received word that their favorite
soldiers have been released from Ger-
man prison camps and are due home
soon.

Talk about your production going
out fast. Just cast an eye on Edith,
Angie and Nita. Yes, things really
fly around here now. We certainly
were happy to hear the good news,
girls.

Ever since V-E Day the main topic
in our department has been—You
think Germany got it—wait until you
see what Japan is going to get!!

**All of us in our department say
"Roger" to that -- and put an-
other War Bond drive "over."**

Mica

By Eleanor Rhodes

Highlights of the Foremen's Banquet:

It's too bad it couldn't have been
postponed for another six months so
Leo Lemoine, as well as Ed Fitz-
patrick, could enjoy *his* chicken.

Tut Tut, "Vic" Gendron, ice cream
is fattening. "Cassie" Ziemiak the
life of the party. Will someone give
Jack Sullivan the soap box that Bea
Garrison left behind. Less noise
there, Bill Pierce!

Ask Amelia Kut about the sailors
at Old Orchard Beach.

What a peaceful day we had yester-
day. Reason: "Spot" Timothy and
Ann Falco were quiet.

Miss Irene Brisard of Final Test,
was married to Romanas Morin in
May at Pittsfield. Congratulations,
Irene.

To Alice Fountain: The next time
you hold a telephone conversation
be sure there is only one instead of a
party of six at the other end!



**Mr. and Mrs. Dominick Messina,
married May 5, 1945 at Holy Family
Church. Mrs. Messina is the for-
mer Agnes L'Ecuier of Resistor
Check Inspection.**

Dry Stacking and Installation

By "Jo." O'Connell

Believe it or not, girls, I found out
that the Corner Cafe does serve food
at noon, so not all the male members
of our department are on a liquid diet.

It really isn't always Dot. Harvey's
fault that she is late. Ask her about
the morning she had to help catch the
runaway cow!

Warning to all Walt. Moderski's
passengers. He leaves Adams at six-
thirty not six thirty-five. Pay special
attention to this Del.

Howie and Ag. Houghton wish to
take this opportunity to thank Art.
Mathews for the lovely poem he had
printed in the *Log*, concerning their
tra-la-la. You are quite a poet Art.

We wish to extend a welcome to
Helen Unis. We just know you will
like us. Everyone in our department
is very congenial.

Jessie Wilk makes quite a nice floor-
lady, don't you think? Even though
Cassie still misses the arguments he and
Del. used to have.

Rose Charbonneau and Caroline
Zaloga are still on the sick list. We
hope to see them both back and well
again very soon.

Jean Delisle the former Jean Bishop,
has returned to work after her honey-
moon. We all hope you will be very
happy and wish you loads of luck, Jean.

Calling all members of this depart-
ment. From here on in be very care-
ful and watch your step because there
is a new Walter Winchell on the loose.
Name: Yours truly.

Paper Networks

By A. Heath and W. Sheldon

Our deepest sympathy goes to
William Sheldon on the loss of his
nephew, Pfc. Donald Meekins, who
was killed in action May 13. He is
believed to be the first boy from this
area to give his life on Okinawa.

Lena Bullett is a beautiful waltzer,
and she always waltzes in the right
direction—towards the door.

Grace Ogert is all tired out. She
spends all her time running around
looking for *meat*, and does she get any?
NO!

Eleanor DeSanty can't keep her
mind on her work, the great outdoors is
calling.

Will someone please teach Alice
Murchie to drive her car? It has four
new tires and a tank of gas. It is a
good chance for someone to get to
Adams, and Alice will get a few driving
lessons.

It seems good to see Viola Rand back
to work again.

Alta Oakes is feeling fine and sends
her thanks to all the girls and boys for
the cards and flowers sent to her while
in the hospital.

June Cole, Eleanor DeSanty, and
"Yours truly" had afternoon tea with
Alta Oakes, Thursday. We certainly
enjoyed that cup of tea, Alta.

Martha Lewis is like the little flower
girl. Martha and flowers seem to go
together.

Resistor Navy Line

By Bertha Salavantis

A day never passes that Mary Gerry
and Art Fallon don't have an argument.

We are anxiously awaiting the day
that Louise Pignone changes her hair
do. Come on, Louise, what are you
waiting for?

If you want to hear a joke, ask
Tessie Delphy for one. . . . but don't
forget to laugh.

Weird Sounds:

Casey riding up and down on the
elevator, whistling. What he's whis-
tling only Casey knows, or does he?

Someone should tell Norma Estes
the bus fare is ten cents and not one
cent.

Seen at an auction last week was our
own "Art" Bissailon wearing a check-
ered vest, smoking a five cent cigar
with thirty cents in his pocket. How
do you do it, Art?

The "Beeler Boys" have been split
up with the transferring of Walt. Burr.
Loads of luck from the gang, Walt.
We all miss you.

Whenever Walt Maynard delivers
rags to the Resistors, he throws them
and runs. Reason: All the females will
trample him if he doesn't.

Everytime "Yours truly" sees Art
Mathews she feels like running the
other way 'cause ten to one, no matter
who is around, he'll yell, "Hey Bert,
where's that five gallons of gas you
owe me?" If you want to know more
about it you'll have to ask Art. It's a
long, long story.

A believe it or not for the month of
May: As I'm sitting here on this 29th
day of May at two P.M. writing my
Log news, the sun is shining. Yes,
strange things do happen.

Casey's Second Trip

Mathew J. Brady, better known as
"Casey", left Tuesday, May 29th for
Boston, Mass., where he attended the
meeting of the Amalgamated Union,
for elevator operators. The following
day, he participated in the Memorial
Day Parade. Mr. Brady was slated to
give a speech on the benefits for return-
ing Veterans. Being a World War I
Veteran, explains Mr. Brady's interest.
Sunday night following his trip, all
elevator operators, drum corps and
the American Legion were requested to
be at the Union Station to welcome Mr.
Brady home. While in Boston, Mr.
Brady expected to be made President
of the American Elevator Corp. Lots
of luck from the "Gang", Casey.

Know Your Reporters



**Minnie
Dextradeur
Selkar**

Minnie has been with Sprague's
for four years. For two years she
was employed in Filter Depart-
ment, then later in the Gas Mask
Department at Marshall Street,
and for the past year, in Selkar.
She is fond of all sports, she espe-
cially likes to bowl, and to dance.
She has a daughter, and her hus-
band has served with the Navy for
the past 15 months. At the
present moment, his destination is
unknown.



**Elsie Leja
P.A.A.
Department**

Elsie has been two years with the
Sprague Electric Company, in the
Filters and Mica prior to the P.A.A.
Department. Her time at home is
taken up with her two children and
household tasks. Her son is a
clarinet player in the Adams High
School Band and probably takes
after his mother, for Elsie is a
pianist and may be remembered
by many when she played at the
moving picture theaters at Wil-
liamstown and Adams.

P. A. A. Department

By Elsie Leja

Flora Gaudette's brother who has
been a German prisoner, has arrived
in the States and is expected home soon.

Clara Beauchamp is not afraid of a
wolf, but don't let her see a mouse.

Anyone in need of cigarettes, see
Florence Lefave!

Olympia Gajda recently had the
pleasure of meeting her cousin from
Poland. He arrived here after having
been in a concentration camp in
Germany since 1941.

NICE

Clara Beauchamp's—*Sense of humor*
Irene Moderski's—*Eyes*

Flora Gaudette's—*Sweet voice*

Elsie Leja's—*Curls*

Bessie Paradis's—*Witty remarks*

Pauline Stachura's—*Blonde hair*

Viola Guilino's—*Good nature*

Jane Marlow's—*Smile*

K. V. A. Stockroom

By Marie Barbuto

Congratulations to Al Giusti the
proud father of a baby girl, Patricia
Ann, born April 14.

Summer is here! "Sam" Soloman
took off his long winter underwear!

Reggie Rowett, formerly from this
department, is now stationed some-
where in China. We hope to be seeing
him back soon.

With the man-shortage so acute, I
should think a handsome brute like
Deeb Soloman would be rushed—and
girls, he can dance!

Why are the boys calling "Sam"
Soloman "Jamica John?" Sam claims
he hasn't eaten a good meal since horse-
racing was resumed.

I wonder why the people in Vit. Q
call Aurora Oliver "Gravel Gertie?"
Could it be the hair do? ?